Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Have the Government passed final orders in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The complaints were recorded.

Works done in 1108 for which tenders were not called for.

142. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works done in 1108 for which no tenders were called for by the P. W. D. with the amount spent and the names of the contracts in each case?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list is appended. (*Appendix VIII*)

Opening of road at Cheruvalli Kadavu in Anjur village.

143. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether anything has been done for opening a road at Cheruvalli Kadavu in Anjur village which had been included in the list of work considered by the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work could not be provided for in the current year's budget for want of funds. It will be included in the budget for next year if funds permit.

Communal representation in services.

144. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have accepted the principle of giving increasing representation in service to communities which are not adequately represented in Government service without sacrificing efficiency; and if so,

(b) how long Government have been following this principle;

(c) whether the permanent Diwan has read questions numbers 233 and 411 answered on 4th and 11th August respectively;

(d) how many were appointed in Government service in the last three years; and of whom

(e) how many are (i) caste-Hindus (ii) non-caste Hindus (iii) Christians (iv) Muslims and (v) Jews;

(f) whether it is the policy of Government to reserve the posts of Heads of Departments to any particular community or communities; and if not,

(g) what steps have been taken since the inauguration of the 1st Legislative Council to give adequate representation to

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communities which are not adequately represented (a) in the service and (b) in the service as Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The principle has been followed for the past several years.

(c) Yes.

(d) 1010.

(e) A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

(f) No, that has never been the policy of the Government.

(g) Whenever new appointments are made, the principle is kept in view.

Reduction of batta of process peons.

145. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that of all those in the inferior service the process peons of the Civil Courts alone were refused batta when out on duty;

(2) whether it is a fact that school masters and others employed in the malarial tracts are given special allowance;

(3) whether the Civil Court process peons have to stop in malarial tracts for fulfilling their duty;

(4) whether the allowance of these poor paid peons were withheld to show retrenchment in the Judicial Department which is top heavy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) It is a fact that process peons are not given ordinarily any batta when out on duty.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) The allowance of the peons was cut short as a measure of retrenchment being one of the items of expenditure in the department which could be reduced justifiably.

Officiating and in-charge appointments—difference between.

146. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether they make any difference between an officiating appointment and an in-charge appointment;

(2) if so, what is the difference?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

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